

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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Listing of Claims:

Please consider the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A machine body comprising:
 - a housing;
 - an upper body; and
 - a hinge comprising:
 - a support shaft connected to the upper body; and
 - a support block connected to the housing, the support block defining a hole, the support shaft passing through the hole and capable of moving through the hole, wherein the upper body is capable of being positioned at any of a range of angles relative to the housing due to friction between the support block and the support shaft.
2. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the support block is rotatably connected to the housing.

3. (Previously Presented) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the hole comprises a cylindrical hole and the support shaft comprises a cylindrical shaft.

4. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the area of the cross section of the support shaft is constant over the length of the support shaft.

5. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the material of the support block comprises rubber.

6. Cancelled

7. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein at least one section of the support shaft tightly fits the support block.

8. (Previously Presented) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a multi-function peripheral.

9. (Previously Presented) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a scanner.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine body of claim 5, wherein the material of the support block comprises polyurethane rubber.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the support shaft comprises a cylindrical shaft and wherein the hole comprises a cylindrical hole.

12. (Withdrawn) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the support shaft comprises a curved shaft and wherein the hole comprises a curved hole.

13. (Withdrawn) The machine body of claim 12, wherein the support shaft comprises a curved cylindrical shaft and wherein the hole comprises a curved cylindrical hole.

14-24. Cancelled

25. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

means for coupling an upper body to a housing, wherein said means for coupling comprises

means for connecting a support shaft to the upper body, and

means for supporting the support shaft, said means for supporting connected to the housing, wherein said means for supporting defines a hole, the support shaft passing through the hole and capable of moving through the hole, wherein the upper body is capable of being positioned at any of a range of angles relative to the housing due to friction between the means for supporting and the support shaft.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising means for rotatably connecting the means for supporting to the housing.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the hole comprises a straight hole and the support shaft comprises a straight shaft.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the hole comprises a straight cylindrical hole and the support shaft comprises a straight cylindrical shaft.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the area of the cross section of the support shaft is constant over the length of the support shaft.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the material of the means for supporting comprises rubber.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the material of the means for supporting comprises polyurethane rubber.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the apparatus comprises a multi-function peripheral.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the apparatus comprises a scanner.